

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 to read as follows:

That is to ~~[[sat]]~~ say the present invention provides an image reading apparatus comprising an original plate on which a transparent original is installed, a transparent original guide unit for installing the transparent original at a predetermined position on the original plate, a light source unit constituted so that it can be installed at plural positions with respect to the transparent original guide unit and having a surface light source for illuminating the transparent original, and an image reading unit for reading an image of the transparent original through the original plate, wherein the transparent original is installed inside of the transparent original guide unit installed on the original plate and in contact with the original plate and the light source unit is contacted with the transparent original and urges the transparent original against the original plate.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 20-23 to read as follows:

Figs. 1A, 1B and 1C are, respectively, perspective, front, and plan views showing a fundamental construction of an image reading apparatus according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 12-19 to read as follows:

Figs. 3A to 3C are views showing the depth of field regarding the rod lens array
15. "TC" shown in Fig. 3A indicates a focus position when looking at the rod lens array as a side view. In this example, a ~~used~~ wave length λ ~~[[=]]~~ of 570 nm and a TC ~~[[=]]~~ of 15.1 mm are

used. A graph illustrated in Fig. 3B shows change in MTF when spaced apart from the focus position by a distance of ΔL .